VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION  $\bullet$  AUSTIN, TEXAS 78779-0001  $\bullet$  (512) 465-7611 May 21, 2001

# REGISTRATION AND TITLE BULLETIN # 052-01

TO:

ALL COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS

**SUBJECT:** 

Discrepancies Between VINA and NCIC Standard Abbreviations for Body Styles

### **PURPOSE**

This letter has been prepared to request your assistance with the problem of body style abbreviation discrepancies.

## **DETAILS**

VTR uses the Polk VINA software application in conjunction with NCIC standard abbreviations for vehicle make and body style; however, the Polk VINA software application only utilizes the NCIC standard abbreviations for vehicle makes. It adheres to the manufacturers specifications for body style and model. Due to this, VINA is populating the body style field with information from the manufacturer specifications, not the adopted NCIC standard abbreviations.

#### **PROBLEM**

The discrepancies between VINA and NCIC standard abbreviations for body style are not being corrected at point-of-sale.

#### **COUNTY ACTION**

When processing title transactions, the deputies should verify the body style field and correct it to match the NCIC standard abbreviations, if needed. It is necessary to make a concerted effort to correct the discrepancies between VINA and the NCIC standard abbreviations for body style, at point-of-sale. Please share the importance of these discrepancies with deputized entities using the Dealer Title Application (DTA) process. Attached is a comparison list of the abbreviations in question.

CONTACT(S)

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Jerry L. Dike, Director

Vehicle Titles and

Registration Division

# BODY STYLE COMPARISON LIST

POLK VINA		NCIC	
All Terrain	AT	All Terrain	MV
Liftback	LB	Liftback	НВ
Moped &	MP	Moped	MP
& Multipurpose	MP		
Notchback	NB	Notchback	SD
Panel	PN	Panel	VN
Parcel Del	PD	Parcel Del	VN
Sports Van	SV	Sports Van	VN
Step Van	SN	Step Van	VN
Tractor Tk	DS (Diesel) & TR (Gasoline)	Tractor Tk	TR
Utility	UT (Blazer, Jimmy, Scout, etc.)	Suburban or SUV (Sports Utility)	LL
Nothing shown for wrecker		Wrecker	TT